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Rheims is a hard nut on which the Kaiser is cracking his head.

The British Lieut. Col. Reppington's advice not to criticize General Foch until we know the cards he holds in his hand is well put. This war cannot be won by a bluff as a poker game is sometimes won.

Probably it was the German plan to draw off some of those allied reserves, by means of the drive on Italy, from the vital places where they were blocking the German advance to the channel ports, if not to Paris. Very likely the plan will not work out.

Getting something for nothing is rivalled by the offer of the United States government to pay you \$5 for \$4.17 you invest in war savings stamps during June. The government will give you the \$5 in 1923 and pledges its entire credit to make certain. No stronger guarantee could be wanted.

With their usual cold calculation, the German war leaders figure the number of men they can "afford" to lose in a given operation and then they go ahead and spend those human lives. Some day they will find their reserve in manpower capital so badly reduced that they will be glad enough to retreat.

Official confirmation or denial is desired for these increasing reports of German submarines sunk or disabled off the Atlantic coast. The reports are becoming so numerous as to lead to the impression that a whole fleet of enemy undersea boats are operating, when, as a matter of fact, there probably are not more than two.

You'll have to say it quick, that the United States has 800,000 men in France, or you'll be woefully out of date, so fast are the men being transported. The rate undoubtedly beats anything that the Germans are able to do in bringing reinforcements from Russian territory and it is bound to place the allies in numerical superiority by the end of the year at the very latest.

It is possible that the Austrians were forced to make a drive on Italy by reason of internal conditions in their own land. Having found that the allies were too wily to accept any proffer of peace made without sufficient evidence of good faith, their war leaders were forced by the demands of the people for peace to make an attack on Italy in the hope of being able to stave off revolution by means of the sop of temporary victory.

The interest which the school children of Barre have taken in responding to the call of the government for the purchase of thrift and war savings stamps is very commendable, and it is to be hoped that the interest will not be allowed to wane during the summer. Parents can do much toward developing the habit of thrift in their children by encouraging the earning of money with which to increase the children's holdings. Then, when school reopens in the autumn, there should be concerted effort again to boost Uncle Sam.

It was too much to expect, perhaps, that the United States government could place huge war contracts without some taint of graft creeping into the machinery of operation because of the insatiable greed of individuals. It is well that the moral cancer is to be cut out now so that it will not take further root and spread. To that end it is hoped that the persons found guilty of preying upon their own government or the operations of their own government will be brought to pay the extreme penalty for their acts.

THE \$1,000 PLEDGES TO W. S. S.

St. Johnsbury is going at the war savings stamp drive in the right way. Even before the campaign for pledges has started, 30 pledges have been secured to \$1,000 each, the money to be paid at the convenience of the purchasers, only it will have to be done during the calendar year 1918. The larger towns and the cities of the state will have to depend on a large number of these maximum purchases in order to bring them up to their quotas in the pledge campaign, and it must dawn upon persons of larger means that they will have to start the ball rolling by pledging themselves to buy the limit of \$1,000 each. It is probable that several hundred persons in each of the larger places of the state can purchase \$1,000 worth, maturity value, of these government securities under the installment way of paying, such as the government plan provides, and still they would not be inconvenienced greatly in their own finances or in their contributions to the war chest, to the drives, to Liberty loans, to church or to the numerous other calls which are "fixed charges" in their individual budgets. It should be the duty of the canvassers in each and every town to get after those who are financially able to purchase the limit amount of war savings stamps and see that they pledge themselves to buy \$1,000 before the end of the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposes Public Market for Barre.

Editor, Barre Daily Times: A public market, located in a convenient section of the city of Barre, would perform a much needed service between the producer and consumer of the section. Such a market would be in a position to retail direct to the consumer all kinds of fresh vegetables and fruit, as well as other farm and garden produce. Such markets have been very successfully operated in other cities of the state, where the population is much smaller than that of Barre.

There are numberless benefits to be derived from such a market, particularly in the case of the consumer. He (or she) can come to this market and select from the large variety offered, the best and the most fresh articles and those that are wanted. Such a market, operated under municipal control, would assure the consumer of getting their money's worth, as the producers would be in direct competition; so that sales would be made at practically auction prices.

The city should be able to find a local man to supervise such a market, who would be competent to agree with producers on reasonable prices. Prices would be established for different grades of produce so that the producer who brought the best stuff would get the best price.

In this time when we must conserve our energy and make every move count, it seems that such co-operation between producer and consumer should be emphasized. Such a market would be the means of furnishing more and better produce at better prices. It would make a headquarters for the farmers to sell their surplus produce as well as affording the regular market gardener a steady market without the heavy expense of house-to-house delivery, which the consumer has to pay for in a higher price. With a public market the consumer can select his own produce and by carrying it home himself, save the charge for delivery and allow the gardener and farmer more time to spend at home growing more produce.

Produce can be better preserved in a place like a public market. It is all sold fresh instead of being jolted about town in a wagon all day or stored in a grocery for two or three days. So much for conservation. Last year in other cities the public markets proved a splendid outlet for the surplus of the local "war gardeners." This was especially so in the case of the boys and girls, who vied with each other in the excellence of the produce that they might put on sale. This was a great encouragement for the young people, by calling attention to their efforts.

I believe that the producers would support such a market in Barre and it seems that there are enough city men interested in the welfare of the community to make up a committee to look after such a project. I will gladly be of what service I can in helping establish a public market in Barre, provided it is wanted. F. H. Abbott, County Agent.

CURRENT COMMENT

If Col. George Harvey get much more excited about the European crisis and American inefficiency, we shall expect to see him trying to enlist.—Boston Globe.

Politics Talk Scarce.

We know it for a fact, that people throughout Vermont are not talking politics. It was our privilege to visit nearly every county in the state last week, and only once was the subject of politics mentioned and then, the man begged our pardon for bringing up the matter. Good sign.—Waterbury Record.

SOUTH WALDEN

Mrs. Ellen Webster of Cabot was a guest over Sunday at the home of her son, Byron Webster.

The ladies' aid will serve ice cream at the church vestry on Wednesday evening, June 26.

John Veille and family of Stannard visited Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Archie Miles.

Cassius Smith is cutting pulp wood with Dan McDonald.

Miss Dolores Webster returned home from Montpelier seminary last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooker of Haverhill, Mass., were recent guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Grove.

Gilbert Orcutt has moved from East Hardwick into the house recently occupied by Harry Judkins.

Harry Perkins, wife and daughter, Aileen, and Gladys Dow attended the graduating exercises at Lyndon institute Friday evening, also W. D. Barnett, who carried them in his auto.

Roger Houston and family have moved to Newbury.

Miss Glenna Perkins has returned home from Lyndon Center, where she has been attending Lyndon institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Paronto entertained friends from Topeka, Kan., the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Ruth Perkins visited at the home of her son, George, in Hardwick, Monday.

The Kaiser Here To-day and To-morrow.

There is one scene in particular that will turn the audience at the Park theatre into a howling, cheering mob during the showing of "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin." This is where the little Belgian boy, in defiance of the German officer's proclamation that all Belgians offering resistance to German arms will be treated with death, hurled a horseshoe at his head, mortally wounding the general, who is none other than the famous General Von Kluck. The little lad who plays this very important role in the story is certainly one of the most clever actors, old or young, who have been seen in pictures in a long time and must take his place among the honored ones with Rupert Julian, who plays "The Beast" and Elmo Lincoln, who plays the part of the giant blacksmith and whom all will remember as Tarzan in "Tarzan of the Apes."

This wonderful picture will be shown twice daily to-day and Thursday evenings at 3:30, and 8:15. Matinee, all seats 25c; evening, balcony 25c, orchestra 35c. Special musical setting by the augmented Park orchestra of eight pieces.—adv.

PLAINFIELD

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End of a Bovine Quest.

We are glad to say Martin Burke has found his cow. Five days were spent in the hunt and we are sorry to say she was not alive, apparently having been struck by lightning or was east. He valued her at \$75.—North Hartland item.

Burlington Colonel. Now Pull Colonel.—Headline English doesn't always give the headline even the benefit of a doubt.

E-limination.

Why do the British call their submarines E-boats?—Boston Globe.

Little Question for To-day: How far down is down-country?

Green Mountain Echoes.

Morris Hall is the happy owner of a Ford.—Derby item.

Forty autos here Saturday night, all on account of the concert.—North Hyde Park item.

Rev. John Butler is painting the church at Londonderry.—Weston item.

Will Eaton has a pretty black pony which he obtained for his children by canvassing for a paper.—Charlestown item.

Let us put on a clean collar and go over and see the Nellie Gills this evening.—Newbury item.

Walter King has finished for Willis G. Lumsden and will run a cedar oil still in the north part of the town this summer.—Greensboro item.

The shacks are receiving an outside coat of paint, which will add a little to their respectability.—Richmond item.

We'll all be down, Mr. Anderson, when it comes time for pole beans.—East Ryegate item.

We aren't going to let Chester have all the good things; we have several cases of measles in our town.—Andover item.

One of Brigham's trucks ran into Doc Stevens' car Sunday. Looks as if the driver does not realize the danger of driving a heavy car so recklessly.—Fletcher item.

Deputy Sheriff Adams was in our village Thursday, presumably looking over his fences, which we assume he knows are safely adjusted.—Fair Haven item.

Yes, Pity the Poor Bridegroom on a Night Like This.

The groom trusted one of our professional men to get a suit of pajamas for him. The professional, through force of circumstances, busy in his office, sent the young lady attendant out for the pajamas. Naturally she thought the underwear was for his wife and brought back a lady's vest tied up with red, white

and blue ribbons. This was put in the bridegroom's grip and God help him.—Marcellus, N. Y., item.

Out There.

Out there, the flame-swept trenches; Back here, the smiling field.

Out there, the battle harvest; Back here, the fruitful yield.

O you, who dwell securely, With all that life can give, Remember those forever Who died that you might live.

Out there, the crowded moment; Back here, the tears and fears;

Out there the great adventure; Back here, the empty years.

Oh, you who are immortal, Remember from on high The weary ones remaining, Who lived that you might die.

—McLondburg Wilson.

Bringing Home the Berries.

Will Hazeltine picked three quarts of wild strawberries Sunday. Rather early, we think.—Andover item.

People who have plenty of time and patience are picking field strawberries, and eating strawberry shortcake.—East Middlebury item.

Mrs. Elmer Wilshire served strawberries to her family June 4. They were wild.—Albany item.

Most of the intimate, human-interest stories emanating out of France seem to derive from the diaries found on the bodies of French and German soldiers in Flanders. When we go overseas we shall leave our line-a-day books at home.

The Monkey Seat for Master Bull.

Wanted—Seat for one passenger and small bull dog. Boston to Bradford, by automobile, during the first week of July. Address 104 Robinwood avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass.—From the wantads.

Tra-la-la on the merriest, maddest day of the year, call me early mother, and who favors for a niche on Olympus Miss Mae Dance of Beebe? She sojourned in East Charleston last week.

H. E. N., whom we suspect to be none other than Hazel Nutt, writes us a denunciatory letter from which we infer that she is strongly opposed to our colonization project on the Mount. We have peopled the slopes of that w. k. eminence with too many worthies to be called off at this late hour.

In other words we propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer. U. S. Grant is the leader of the Jr. O. U. A. M. in Lyndonville.

And it is with a feeling akin to despair that we chronicle the arrest in Windsor by Chief L. N. Gauthier not long since of Merrimack Rivers. He is not a log driver.

One Pedal, However, Was Undisturbed.

When about to leave and standing Mrs. Baer very pleasantly

played America as an accompaniment for the ladies, most of them singers.—Alstead item.

Nations themselves are but the monuments Of deathless men whom the divine intents

Decree for mighty purposes; they rise Superior by their mission from the skies, To thoughts of self; and by self-sacrifice Assert the race; guide, fashion and inform;

Direct to conquest; gather from the storm; And build in strength. —C. L. H.

Returning from a week end in the lake-studded township of Woodbury, C. L., who daubed his facial map with an ointment that attracts instead of repels black flies, submits that some of our most Hunnish inhabitants have sprouted wings.

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furnish horse to rake with, or any other teaming she could do with her horse.—From the wantads.

German soldiers are substituting beech leaves for tobacco.—News item.

And kid-glove reformers here at home would supplant good American cigarettes with striped candy sticks. Eight to one that the old fashioned mullin smoke of our youth would still have the call over both. M. S.

WASHINGTON

The graduating exercises of the eighth grade will be held at schoolhouse hall, Friday evening, June 21. The parts have been assigned as follows: Salutatory, Leyland Wood; class history, Russell Pratt; prophecy and presentation, Lloyd Downing; class will, Patrick Moran; valedictory, Lawrence Seaver. There will also be a play by the seventh and eighth grades, entitled "The Patriotic

NORTH MONTPELIER

Masonic dance will be held at North Montpelier hall Friday evening, June 21. Music, Carroll's orchestra, five pieces. Dancing tickets, \$1.25 per couple. Refreshments, ice cream, 10 per plate. Floor managers, Naum Kelton, C. M. Story. Proceeds for war savings stamps.

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